THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) to (c) No proposal seeking financial assistance for upgradation of Golf Club at Chickmagalur from the Karnataka Government has been received. However, Ministry of Tourism and Culture had forwarded the proposal from Chickmagalur Golf Club, Karnataka during January, 2001 for development of Golf Course in Chickmagalur. Since there was no provision under the scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure for rendering of Central assistance for development of Golf Course, the proposal could not be considered for assistance. Ministry of Tourism and Culture was informed accordingly on 9.2.2001.

Administration of steroids to Athletes

2377. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in the media to the effect that during preparatory camps just before the 2000 Sydney Olympics top Indian Athletes were administered a cocktail of anabolic steroids by foreign coaches which increased their cholesterol level as high as 300 plus and HDL below 7 gram per cent;

(b) if so, the complete facts in this regard, indicating the names of the foreign coaches; and

(c) whether Government proposes to get these foreign coaches blacklisted at international level?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the news-item which appeared in the media was found to be incorrect.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.